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This directive sets forth the mission and assigned duties of the Air Force Agency For Modeling and Simulation (AFAMS).

## SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This document is substantially revised and must be completely reviewed.

This revision reflects the Headquarters Air Force staff reorganization, recent publication format changes, and updated terminology/descriptions. A new paragraph was added to separately address support for modeling and simulation (M&S) planning.

- **1. Mission.** The Air Force Agency for Modeling and Simulation (AFAMS) is the Air Force top-level agency responsible for implementation and support of Air Force, Joint, and Department of Defense (DoD) modeling and simulation (M&S) policy and standards. This organization is a field operating agency that reports to the Headquarters United States Air Force (HQ USAF/XIW).
- **2. Command.** The Commander, Air Force Agency for Modeling and Simulation:
  - 2.1. Is responsible for execution of this mission directive.
  - 2.2. Receives policy and guidance from, and reports to HQ USAF/XIW.
  - 2.3. Exercises command over assigned personnel and oversight of facilities, property, and funds.
- **3. Responsibilities.** The Commander, Air Force Agency for Modeling and Simulation, is responsible for:
  - 3.1. Implementing Air Force, Joint, and DoD M&S policy and standards.
    - 3.1.1. Coordinating/integrating major Air Force M&S initiatives, activities, and standards.

- 3.1.2. Supporting development, implementation, integration, and exploitation of M&S capabilities for all Air Force mission areas (e.g., Distributed Mission Operations, Distributed Mission Training, Joint Synthetic Battlespace, etc.)
  - 3.1.2.1. Supporting development, implementation, and integration of Air Force M&S infrastructure, architectures, standards, and connectivity.
- 3.1.3. Promoting leveraging of M&S assets through reusability, interoperability, standardization, verification, validation, accreditation, etc .
- 3.2. Supporting corporate Air Force M&S planning, requirements, and investment.
  - 3.2.1. Developing and coordinating Air Force M&S plans.
  - 3.2.2. Capturing and integrating Air Force M&S requirements.
  - 3.2.3. Advocating and coordinating Air Force M&S investments.
  - 3.2.4. Monitoring the status of M&S capabilities relative to plans, requirements, and investments.
  - 3.2.5. Promoting Air Force M&S Science and Technology improvement and innovation.
- 3.3. Supporting establishment, transition, and integration of major Air Force M&S initiatives and programs .
  - 3.3.1. Coordinating/integrating and, if required, establishing major M&S initiatives and programs.
  - 3.3.2. Providing high-level management of select major M&S initiatives and programs.
  - 3.3.3. Supporting transition of major M&S initiatives and programs to appropriate entities.
- 3.4. Supporting Air Force decisionmaking and mission execution.
  - 3.4.1. Providing information, decision support, education, and communication capabilities.
    - 3.4.1.1. Providing information including the Air Force M&S Information Service and communication/collaboration capabilities.
    - 3.4.1.2. Providing decision support including decision support visualization capabilities.
    - 3.4.1.3. Supporting M&S-related concept development, coordination, and communication.
    - 3.4.1.4. Promoting professional development for the Air Force M&S workforce and education on Air Force M&S for key decisionmakers and the defense community.
  - 3.4.2. Serving as the Air Force central point of contact for Air Force corporate M&S implementation, integration, and support.
  - 3.4.3. Supporting full-spectrum Air Force mission execution, especially aspects involving significant/leading-edge M&S capabilities.

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